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Dear Ms. Ness:

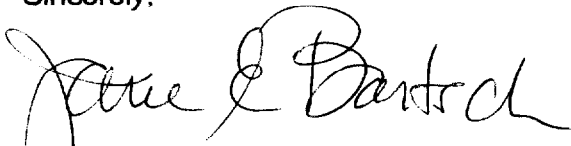
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The issue of Low Power FM radio is downright scary! As a radio General Manager for over ten years I find that the allowance of 1,000, 100 and even 10 watt FM stations will do nothing but dilute the power of radio as it stands now. In this market (Nassau/Suffolk, #17 as ranked by Arbitron with a population of over 2.5MM people) where my employer owns five Class A FM stations, to infiltrate low power FM's will serve only to interfere with our stations in broadcasting to our communities.

As a woman who takes pride in being a successful Manager in the radio industry, would I take advantage of owning a low power FM in this market? Absolutely not! , As a manager of two 3,000 watt stations I find the competition fierce by the other Class A's here on Long Island as well as the Class B's and, of course, the scores of signals that umbrella this market from New York City. Further, the geographics of any market hinder any Class A from a clear signal without further interference of your proposed Low Power FM's. Why, as a woman or a man, would I want to trade my two 3,000 watt stations that I manage for a low power station that I could call my own? I'm baffled as to the economic feasibility of such a venture, not to mention the even stiffer competitive environment I would be entering in to.

No, I cannot support the slow death of the current radio environment for the sake of creating minority opportunities.

Sincerely,



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